

Drafting the Judgment of Divorce

A final divorce judgment is a legal document. The law requires that the judgment contain certain information and the Court has the authority to specify the format for information required in the judgment document. These guidelines are intended primarily for divorcing parties who have elected to draft their legal pleadings without the assistance of an attorney. The Court may not give you legal advice nor assist you in drafting your divorce judgment. These guidelines may not address all situations and you are encouraged to consult with an attorney of your choice if you have questions or require assistance in the drafting of your divorce judgment and related documents. All of the forms have detailed instructions—please be certain to read the instructions. If you do not understand what is required, be certain to seek assistance from an attorney or other qualified person.

The forms discussed in this guideline can be obtained on the internet at www.wicourts.gov. Select FORMS, then select CIRCUIT COURT, then select FAMILY-all forms. For a general discussion of the divorce process, you may view at this website, a Basic Guide to Divorce in Adams County (Form FA-4100). It is important that you read and understand all of the instructions in the Basic Guide to Divorce since you are expected to initiate all of the procedural steps and provide to the Court all of the documentation discussed therein.